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The will of Col. Presley Thornton was dated March 9, 1763, and proved in Northumberland, May 14, 1770. He directs that all his estate, excepting certain specific legacies, shall be equally divided between his sons, Peter Presley Thornton and Presley Thornton, and if they die without issue, between his daughters Elizabeth, Winifred and Charlotte; gives each of these daughters 150 £ current money; to wife, Charlotte, during her widowhood, the use of his dwelling-house and furniture, the choice of eight slaves, and 150 £ current money annually. Desires his friend, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Wm. Flood, to have charge of his daughter, Winifred, and appoints his friends, John Tayloe, Esq., Dr. Nicholas Flood, his brother Francis Thornton, and friend Capt. Richard Hull, executors, and wife, executrix. It will be observed (*post*) that two sons were born after this will was made.

It appears from the earliest of the State land tax books, that Peter P. Thornton owned 1200 acres, and Presley Thornton, 1800 acres, both in Northumberland county, so the size of the "Northumberland House" estate was, doubtless, 3000 acres.

Col. Presley Thornton married (I) Elizabeth —, (II) Charlotte Belson, "an English lady, adopted daughter of Col. Jno. Tayloe of Mt. Airy" (Judge J. T. Lomax in *De Bow's Review*, Vol. — p. —.) In the *Richmond Enquirer*, March 27, 1812, is notice of a suit in the Supreme Court of Chancery, for the Richmond District, by Charlotte Thornton, of the Kingdom of Great Britain, widow of Presley Thornton, plaintiff, against (apparently) all the other heirs and legal representatives of her deceased husband. A few years before the Revolution broke out, she removed, with her children, to England.

Issue: (1st m.) 67. Elizabeth^s born March 2nd 1748-'9 (*St. Stephen's Parish Register*); 68. Peter Presley^s; 69. Winifred^s married John Catesby Cocke, of Prince William county, a captain in the Virginia marine corps during the Revolution; (2nd m.) 70. Presley^s; 71. Charlotte^s; 72. Charles Wade^s; 73. John Tayloe^s.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

COATS-OF-ARMS IN VIRGINIA.

CHAPMAN AND PEARSON.—In a Will of Constantia Chapman, wife of Nathaniel Chapman & dau. of Simon Pearson Gent. of Overwharton Parish Stafford Co, there occurs the following bequest:

"I give & bequeath unto each of my three grand-children H. C.

Weems, Jas. W^m Locke Weems, & Sarah Louisa Weems the sum of 5 Guineas to be laid out for them in silver plate as their mother shall think proper, the said plate to be engraved with the Arms of the Chapman and Pearson Familys." The Will was dated Nov. 2, 1768.

On a heavy silver salver now owned by Mrs. Susan Swann Calvert of Alexandria, the above combined arms are to be found.

Chapman as described in Burke: "Per chev. argent and gu. in the centre a crescent counterchanged." A good deal of old silver (run over into modern forms by its *then* owner) bore the crest, an arm embowed in armour holding a broken spear encircled with a wreath, while an old seal ring showed both arms & crest with the motto, "Crescit sub pondere virtus."

The *Pearson* Arms on this old piece of silver are described in Dictionary of Arms as Pearson or Pierson (London), "Per fess embattled az. and gu. three suns or." No crest on plate, nor motto. The will is on record at Stafford Courthouse.

M^r Stanard also found the will of M^{rs} Hannah Pearson, proven December 13, 1748. She names grandson Travers Cooke, grand-dau. Hannah Cooke, gr-da Hannah Daniel, gr-dau Elizabeth Travers Daniel, dau^s Elizabeth Cooke, & Sarah Daniel. She was dau. of Jos. Ball, half sister of Mary Washington, and widow of Raleigh Travers.

The will of Simon Pearson, Gent., probated 1733, mentions his wife Hannah; and Elizabeth Cooke is witness to a wish expressed on his death bed and set forth in a codicil. Whether Hannah Pearson was mother or step-mother to Pearson children remains to be proved.—F. B. H.

PARKER.—On an old seal-ring owned by Capt. Wm Haward Parker, U. S. & C. S. N., of the Parkers of Westmoreland county, Virginia.—K. M. R.

(What is the description?)—Editor.

METCALF.—Family of Richard, of Richmond county, descended from Metcalf, of Bristol. Arms: Argent three calves passant sable. See Richmond county records for opinion of Robert Carter in case Edward Barrow vs. Gilbert Metcalf (1712) and Foster's *Pedigrees of Yorkshire; Families of North and East Riding*.

BRERETON.—Jane Claiborne, daughter of Col. William Claiborne, patented 1,450 acres in Northumberland in 1657. She married Col. Thomas Brereton, and had: 1, Henry; 2, Thomas; 3, Elizabeth. Col. Thomas Brereton (will pr. June 4, 1688) married, 2dly,

in 1671, Grace, widow of Richard Span. Capt. Thomas Brereton, his son (will dated March 23, 1698, proved August 16, 1699), married twice, and had Thomas by a first marriage (he died at ten years), and by a second marriage with Mary —, who married 2dly, Leonard Howson (L. H.'s will was dated December 13, 1704, proved February 21, 1704-'5), had a daughter named Elizabeth. Elizabeth, first named, sister of Capt. Thomas Brereton, and daughter of Col. Thomas Brereton and Jane Claiborne, married Capt. Thomas Winder, and had Elizabeth, aged 20 years in 1711, and then wife of Richard Kenner. The will of R. K. was proved January 18, 1726-'27. It mentions wife Elizabeth, daughter Hannah, sons Rodham and Richard, sisters Elizabeth Debutts, Frances Spellman, and Hannah Crallé. Leonard Howson left to his "daughter-in-law Elizabeth" a ring with her grandfather Brereton's coat-of-arms upon it. Capt. Henry Brereton (*supra*) had a son Thomas, apparently of age before 1703. And in 1736 Thomas Brereton, of Shotwick Park, Co. Chester, England, conveyed land in Richmond Co., Virginia, devised by Salisbury Lloyd, late of Ledbrook in Co. Flint, England, eldest son of John Lloyd, late of the city of Chester, Eng., deceased, to whom the land was conveyed in 1708 by Gilbert Metcalf, of Rappahannock, and formerly belonging to Gilbert Metcalf, of London, merchant. John Lloyd was executor of Col. William Lloyd, of Richmond Co., Virginia, who died about 1704.

LANGBORNE.—There is a tombstone in King William Co. of William Langborne, who married Susannah Smith, of Shooter's Hill. He was born in 1723, and was the son of Robert Langborne, of Fetter Lane, London, and Mary Dandridge, sister (?) of Col. William Dandridge. The tombstone bears two chevrons for Langborne, impaling a lion's head between three mascles, for Dandridge. William Langborne was the father of Col. William Langborne, of the Revolution, whose broken tombstone is near his father's.

BECKWITH—BUTLER.—"Mr. Lawrence Washington has an interesting silver waiter, belonging at one time to the Butler family, inherited by a branch of the Washingtons from Jane Butler, with the Beckwith coat of arms on it. I send you a tracing of it—rather too faint, I am afraid."—*Miss Kate Mason Rowland*.

These arms indicate quarters: 1st and 4th, a chevron between three hinds' heads, for Beckwith; 2d and 3d, a chief indented and a saltire, for Butler. *Crest*: out of a plume of feathers a falcon rising, for Butler.

GARLICK.—There is a beautiful silver bowl, now owned by Mrs. John B. Minor, of the University of Virginia (née Miss Ellen Hill), of which I have a photograph from one side. It bears on the rim a bird pecking at a leek, and on the side the words: "The gift of Edward Garlick Sen^r Esq^r to the Eldest Branch of His Family." I am told that there is a drawing of the arms on the other side of the bowl, but I have no description.

EARLY RECORDS OF CHARLES CITY COUNTY.¹*County Commissioners or Justices of the Peace.*

June 4th 1655.—

Coll ^o Edd. Hill	} Esqrs.
Capt. Henry Perry	
Mason A ^{bm} Wood	Ca. John Bishopp
M ^r Thomas Drewe	Capt. John Epes.
M ^r Antho. Wyatt	M ^r John Gibbs
M ^r Rice Hoe.	Capt. Daniel Peibles.

Aug. 3, 1655, Capt Richard Tye

Sept. 17, 1655, M^r War. Horsmanden

Mch. 3, 1655 [1656], M^r Charles Sparrow

Sept. 1, 1656, Capt Tho. Stegge

Oct. 3, 1656, Capt Robert Wynne

Feb. 3, 1657, Capt Abra. Wood

April 20, 1658, M^r James Barber

Aug. 3, 1658, M^r Steph. Hamlin

Feb. 3, 1658, M^r John Holmwood

April 1, 1657 (8?)—

M ^r Rich ^d Cock	M ^r Xtofer Branch
M ^r Rich ^d Ware	Capt W ^m Farrar.
M ^r Henry Isham	M ^r W ^m Worsham

June 1, 1657, Maj W^m Harris

Aug. 1, 1657, M^r W^m Baugh, M^r Thos Ligon

Aug. 3, 1659, Coll^o Edw^d Hill Esq^r M^r Edward Hill

Jan'y 2, 1659, M^r Francis Epes

April 3, 1660, Cap^t Edward Hill

June 3, 1660, Capt ffranc Gray

June 3, 1663, Capt Otho Southcott

Aug. 3, 1663, M^r Wm Bird

Aug. 3, 1664, Theodorick Bland Esq

¹ Kindly furnished by Mr. R. A. Brock.